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Judiciary, Safety & General Services Committee

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MILWAUKEE COUNTY PROVIDES VALUABLE SERVICES TO NUMEROUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS

Committee unanimously approves creation of Radio System Advisory Council

Milwaukee, WI – The Milwaukee County Board’s Judiciary Safety and General Services Committee voted unanimously this morning to create a Radio System Advisory Council in Milwaukee County government to review and promote interoperable communications systems for public safety and public service agencies throughout the region.

“Milwaukee County developed the 800MHz system in 1992 to facilitate communications for Milwaukee County’s Sheriff’s Department and Transit System,” said Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr., Chairman of the Committee. “We have now grown to nine tower sites serving 70 agencies in Milwaukee County. We currently assist 17 municipalities with day-to-day radio communications for their police protection, public health departments and emergency medical services.”

If approved, the resolution calls for the creation of a six-member council with members appointed by key users of the service.

“Milwaukee County plays an important role by providing this assistance to local governments in the County, as well as other organizations and private sector entities that contribute to public safety, such as mall security,” Supervisor Patricia Jursik said. “Without Milwaukee County, they would have to develop their own radio communication networks. This is just one example. Milwaukee County works on behalf of taxpayers to prevent inefficient duplication of services in many other areas, too.”

The full County Board will consider the resolution at 9:30 a.m. on May 22, 2008 in Room 200 of the Milwaukee County Courthouse.

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